

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, April 8, 2010

7:30 P.M.

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Deputy Clerk Kathy Leach called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: KATHY LEACH, DEPUTY CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnaufer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

★ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

★ **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Andrews reported that the Village received notification from Commonwealth Edison regarding a new “Smart Metering Program” being implemented by Commonwealth Edison. He noted that 131,000 residents in a small part of Chicago and nine towns throughout a selected area will be receiving special reader technology to monitor electrical consumption. Mayor Andrews stated that the charge for those smart meters will be spread across all Commonwealth Edison customers at a cost of about \$5.00 per year, per customer.

Mayor Andrews stated that National Census Day was April 1st. He noted that he contacted many of the homeowner associations in the community asking them to remind residents of the importance of completing and returning the 2010 Census Questionnaire to be counted in Indian Head Park’s population statistics.

★ **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Arbor Day Proclamation

Approval of a Resolution for Construction on State Highways (**#R4-10-1**)

Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the Execution of a Third Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement by and Between Storino, Ramello & Durkin and the Village of Indian Head Park (Resolution **#R4-10-2**)

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Among the Township of Lyons as Grantee and the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, as Disbursing Agent Concerning the Granting of Park Bond Funds for the Acquisition or Improvement of One or More Parks within the Township (Resolution **#R4-10-3**)

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

★ **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - March 11, 2010

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier to approve the March 11, 2010 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

★ **AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS LISTED)**

1. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Petition to Amend Title 17, Zoning of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code - Regulation of Highway Advertising Signs. (Resolution # R4-10-4)

Mayor Andrews stated that a resolution is being presented to the Board for approval this evening to authorize the Board to file a petition to amend *Title 17, Zoning* of the Municipal Code regarding regulations for highway advertising signs. Mayor Andrews stated that the zoning amendment would provide regulations for highway advertising signs in the B-5 and B-6 Business Districts. Mayor Andrews further noted that the B-5 and B-6 Business Districts are located along 70th Place and in the triangle area on the north side of Flagg Creek between I-55 and I-294 expressways. He noted that Tom Walsh, from Skytech, is the Village's consultant in the zoning process.

Mayor Andrews stated that the amendment to *Title 17, Zoning* regarding regulations for highway advertising signs in the B-5 and B-6 Business Districts will also allow the Village to have a source of revenue for the Village on the Public Works Facility property at 70th Place. Tom Walsh stated that all necessary documents must be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (I.D.O.T.) under the permit process and the approval of an amendment to the zoning code will also be provided to I.D.O.T. with the Village's application. He noted that a State permit, if granted, will be valid for a period of three years and the permit approval will be site specific. Tom Walsh stated that future approvals from I.D.O.T. may be needed for additional sites. Mayor Andrews stated that a zoning amendment to *Title 17, Zoning* would provide an overlay in zoning in the B-5 and B-6 Business Districts to allow for special uses for highway advertising signs within three hundred and thirty feet (330') from the edge of the right-of-way in proximity of Interstate areas. Mayor Andrews stated that highway advertising signage in the business districts as defined will not affect residential properties to the north.

Mayor Andrews suggested that the Board consider the petition to amend *Title 17, Zoning* of the Municipal Code to create an overlay in zoning for special uses in the B-5 and B-6 Business zoned districts to establish regulations for highway advertising signs. Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Village Board to file a petition to amend *Title 17, Zoning* of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code to regulate highway advertising signs.

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of a zoning petition by the Village of Indian Head Park to amend ***Title 17, Zoning*** of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code regarding regulations for highway advertising signs. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Safe Speed LLC and Approval of the Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System Agreement (Resolution #R4-10-5)

Mayor Andrews stated that representatives from Safe Speed previously made a presentation at the last Board meeting and Chris Lai from Safe Speed is also present this evening to answer any questions from the Board. Mayor Andrews noted that he and Trustee Coleman recently toured the Safe Speed facility operations in Chicago. Mayor Andrews mentioned that the Village Board previously looked into the possibility of a traffic enforcement program in 2008 when another company also made a presentation to the Board. Mayor Andrews stated that he likes the methodology used by Safe Speed in keeping track of traffic violations as well as their fee structure and procedures.

Mayor Andrews stated that before the Board enters into an agreement with Safe Speed, he asked Chris Lai if the first step is for Safe Speed to conduct a traffic survey at any intersections that meet the criteria to support the implementation of an automated camera enforcement system. Chris Lai responded, yes. He noted that the traffic study in those areas could begin about two weeks after the agreement is signed by the Board, the data would be collected over a certain period of time, accident data or documents would need to be provided to support the need for camera enforcement and a permit with that information would be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval.

Chris Lai, from Safe Speed stated that the complete approval process with I.D.O.T. and implementation of the program takes about six to nine months. He noted that once a permit is approved by I.D.O.T., the traffic enforcement cameras can be installed within two weeks. Mayor Andrews asked if there is an appeal process at the State level if the Village is denied a permit from I.D.O.T. Chris Lai, stated there is an appeal process at the State level and decisions by I.D.O.T. are based on accident data facts and documentation that justifies the need for camera enforcement at a specific location. Mayor Andrews asked if there is a limitation or restriction on which intersection is to be used for camera enforcement. Chris Lai stated that the only restriction is that the camera can only be placed on the approach to Indian Head Park. He added if there is a camera device at any particular intersection by another town, that adjacent community should be notified.

Mayor Andrews asked Chris Lai if the State denies the permit to Indian Head Park and the Board decides not to move forward at that time, there is no requirement to file an appeal and the agreement with Safe Speed would be terminated. Chris Lai responded, yes. Mayor Andrews asked Mr. Lai the cost to upgrade the traffic light to L.E.D. if a camera is installed at a particular intersection.

Chris Lai stated that the cost to upgrade a traffic light to L.E.D. may vary from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and the revenue generated from the enforcement will help to defray the cost of the light upgrades.

Mayor Andrews stated that the State has a list of traffic lights they intend to upgrade in the future at intersections. Chris Lai stated that as funds become available at the State level, traffic lights in many areas are upgraded. Mayor Andrews asked Chris Lai if he could find out if there are any planned traffic light upgrades at intersection areas in Indian Head Park. Trustee Bailey stated at some intersections there are cameras in one direction and not on all four corners of the intersection. Chris Lai stated that there may be heavy traffic in one direction of a particular intersection that warrants the camera enforcement on that particular approach but a camera can be installed in more than one direction at the same intersection depending on the accident data collected.

Trustee Bailey stated that he has observed camera enforcement in other towns at night when the camera flashes to capture a violation. He asked if the flashing cameras would disrupt the residential areas close to that intersection with the camera enforcement. He asked if there is a shield on the camera or a positioning of the camera that would avoid flashing lights into the residential area. Chris Lai stated that the camera lens is directed towards the ground at the level of traffic so that the lights do not interfere with oncoming traffic or other areas. Chris Lai stated that a vehicle will cross two electromagnetic sensors and the speed of the vehicle is calculated to determine if that car crossed the last sensor over that line resulting in a violation. He noted that sometimes a vehicle will pass the first sensor and stop before reaching the second sensor. If the camera flashes one time it is not necessarily a violation and the Police Department will review the data before a citation is issued to confirm a violation.

Trustee Schnaufer stated that there is no camera at the intersection of Joliet Road and Willow Springs Road and that three corners of that intersection are in Countryside and one corner in Indian Head Park. He asked if it would be possible for Indian Head Park to install a camera on that traffic light on the Indian Head Park side. Chris Lai stated that the Village could install a camera at that intersection on the Indian Head Park approach if the Village notifies Countryside and I.D.O.T. approves a permit. He further stated that within nine months from installation of camera equipment at that location the Village would be required to upgrade the light to L.E.D. even though the camera only serves one direction for camera enforcement. Mayor Andrews noted that if the State has that intersection scheduled for traffic light upgrades on their list, the Village would not have to upgrade the light.

Mayor Andrews stated that Western Springs has a traffic enforcement camera at 55th Street and Wolf Road. He noted that when the stop light is red in that location and there are no vehicles going through the intersection with cars stopped behind the line, the camera sometimes flashes. Chris Lai stated that sometimes the sensors may need to be recalibrated or the lights may need to be readjusted. He noted that sometimes these updates can be done remotely in a few minutes and if the sensors are not recording the data correctly, a representative of Safe Speed will be sent to the field to check the camera operation.

Trustee Bermier commented that she is uncomfortable with entering into a contract for camera enforcement at this time due to all of the legislative bills before the General Assembly on this issue. She noted that there is a legislative proposal that would reduce the fines from \$100.00 to \$50.00 and also House Bill 5184 that would prohibit any camera enforcement company from receiving any money from violations. Mayor Andrews stated that he asked legislators about this issue when he visited Springfield in March and he realizes there are concerns but that legislation has not been passed. He noted that approving camera traffic enforcement is a move in the right direction for safety reasons. Mayor Andrews stated that he has observed many vehicles over the years barreling down Joliet Road and Wolf Road creating safety issues and someone would not receive a ticket unless a violation has occurred. Trustee Coleman stated that she has been a resident of Indian Head Park for twenty-two years and has witnessed people who ignore the lights at intersections in an unsafe manner. She added that motorists will be more careful and it will be safer if traffic is being monitored by camera enforcement. She added that if it is determined that the traffic study does not warrant camera enforcement at that location, there is no need to proceed.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the resolution presented to the Board with regard to an agreement with Safe Speed. Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Safe Speed and to approve the automated traffic enforcement system agreement (Resolution #R4-10-5). Carried by roll call vote (5/1/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: Bermier

Absent: None

3. Ordinance Amending Title 2 and Title 10 Providing for Automated Traffic Law Enforcement and Administrative Adjudications (Ordinance #2010-2)

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve an ordinance amending *Title 2* of the Municipal Code regarding automated traffic enforcement and an administrative adjudication process with Safe Speed.

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve an ordinance amending Title of the Municipal Code providing for automated traffic law enforcement and administrative adjudications (*Ordinance #2010-2*). Carried by roll call vote (5/1/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nays: Bermier
Absent: None

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE BY INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS ONLY

Mayor Andrews stated that he received a note from a resident of Indian Head Park regarding the \$155,000 grant award from the Township of Lyons for the renovation of Blackhawk Park. He noted that residents asked if the Board could determine if any of the funds could be used for children's playground equipment. Mayor Andrews stated that he responded to that resident mentioning that the plan approved by the Township of Lyons for Blackhawk Park was for a specific scope of work that does not include playground equipment.

Trustee Bermier commented that residents appreciated the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Mayor Andrews stated he also received comments that everyone had a great time and he thanked everyone that helped to make the event successful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)** regarding probable or imminent litigation. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh
Nays: None
Absent: None

RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business to discuss before the Board, Trustee Anselmo moved, seconded by Trustee Coleman, to return to the regular Board meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 9:05 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary